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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Iraq: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling the section on the status of Iraq in the report of the Committee on Contributions, 1/ in which it is stated, inter alia, that some members of the Committee were of the view that the issue of the waiver of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations for Iraq involved political questions outside the mandate of the Committee,

Bearing in mind that the Government of Iraq has expressed its willingness to pay its arrears when the sanctions imposed on it by Security Council resolutions are lifted or mitigated,

Decides, as a special and temporary arrangement, that the accumulated arrears of Iraq were due to conditions beyond its control and that, accordingly, it is inappropriate in this regard to apply Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations relating to loss of the right to vote in the General Assembly until the sanctions imposed on Iraq by Security Council resolutions are fully or partially lifted.

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/50/11), chap. V, sect. B.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS: RELOCATION OF UKRAINE TO THE GROUP OF MEMBER STATES SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 3 (c) OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 43/232

Ukraine: draft decision

The General Assembly decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, with respect to the apportionment of the appropriations referred to in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations:

(a) To include Ukraine in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989;

(b) To calculate its contributions to the financing of United Nations peace-keeping operations accordingly.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN HAITI

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti 1/ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 1007 (1995) of 31 July 1995, in which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for an additional period of seven months, to 29 February 1996, in anticipation of the conclusion of the mandate at that time, as well as all previous Security Council resolutions on the United Nations Mission in Haiti,

Recalling also its decision 48/477 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was the decision adopted by the Assembly at its 78th meeting, on 4 December 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from

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1/ A/50/363 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

2/ A/50/488 and Add.1.

the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Haiti as at 13 December 1995, including the contributions unpaid in the amount of 78,677,550 United States dollars, representing 33 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 30 November 1995, notes that some 8 per cent of the membership has paid its assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, particularly as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, notably those troop-contributing Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, which bear an additional burden owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement and taking into account the amount of 2,257,700 dollars gross (2,056,600 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/246 and decision 49/468, to apportion the additional amount of 3,644,800 dollars gross (3,650,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1994 to 31 January 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments

for the year 1994 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 3,030,730 dollars gross (3,035,470 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 614,070 dollars gross (615,030 dollars net), for the period from 1 to 31 January 1995 inclusive;

7. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the decrease in the estimated staff assessment income of 5,700 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 August 1994 to 31 January 1995 inclusive; 4,740 dollars being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the balance, that is, 960 dollars, for the period from 1 to 31 January 1995;

8. Decides further that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,982,600 dollars gross (1,915,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1994 to 31 January 1995;

8 bis. Decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,982,600 dollars gross (1,915,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1994 to 31 January 1995 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

9. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account a total amount of 152,011,500 dollars gross (149,680,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1995 to 29 February 1996, inclusive of the amount of 63,606,720 dollars gross (62,520,120 dollars net) authorized under the provisions of Assembly resolution 49/239 for the period from 1 August to 31 October 1995, the amount of 21,202,240 dollars gross (20,840,040 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in its decision 50/407 for the period from 1 to 30 November 1995 and the amount of 10,601,120 dollars gross (10,420,020 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in its decision of 4 December 1995 for the period from 1 to 15 December 1995;

10. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 21,202,240 dollars gross (20,840,040 dollars net) apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/239 and the amount of 63,606,720 dollars gross (62,520,120 dollars net) apportioned in accordance with Assembly decision 50/407, to apportion the additional amount of 67,202,540 dollars gross (66,320,240 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1995 to 29 February 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its

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3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

4/ See resolution 49/19 B.

resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 48,272,247 dollars gross (47,638,482 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1995, and the scale of assessments for the year 1996 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 18,930,293 dollars gross (18,681,758 dollars net), for the period from 1 January to 29 February 1996 inclusive;

11. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 882,300 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 August 1995 to 29 February 1996 inclusive; 633,765 dollars being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1995, and the balance, that is, 248,535 dollars, for the period from 1 January to 29 February 1996;

12. Decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 18,013,200 dollars gross (17,274,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 February to 31 July 1995;

12 bis. Decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, that their share of the unencumbered balance of 18,013,200 dollars gross (17,274,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 February to 31 July 1995 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. Decides further, with regard to the period beyond 29 February 1996, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in connection with the maintenance of the Mission for a three-month period from 1 March to 31 May 1996 at a monthly rate not to exceed 10 million dollars gross (9.5 million dollars net) and to assess the amount of 20 million dollars gross (19 million dollars net) on Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 29 February 1996;

14. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

15. Decides to keep the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti under review during its fiftieth session.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was Council resolution 1006 (1995) of 28 July 1995,

Recalling its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which were resolution 49/226 of 23 December 1994 and decision 49/483 of 12 July 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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1/ A/50/543.

2/ A/50/694.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 34/9 E of 17 December 1979 and the subsequent resolutions in which it decided that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations should be suspended, the latest of which was resolution 49/226,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Force on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon have been used up for meeting expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions and have consequently been exhausted,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as at 13 December 1995, including the contributions unpaid in the amount of 216,216,752 United States dollars, representing 9 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 31 January 1996, notes that some 22 per cent of the membership has paid its assessed contributions in full and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, particularly as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, notably those troop-contributing Member States who have paid their assessed contributions in full who bear an additional burden owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Force promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 67,407,000 United States dollars gross (65,224,980 dollars net) authorized and apportioned by the General Assembly in paragraph 10 of its resolution 49/226 for the operation of the Force from 1 August 1995 to 31 January 1996, inclusive;

7. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Force at a rate not to exceed 10,774,800 dollars gross (10,489,600 dollars net) per month for a period of up to five months beginning 1 February 1996, and to assess the amount of 32,324,400 dollars gross (31,468,800 dollars net) on Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 1006 (1995);

8. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount referred to in paragraph 7 above, among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, 3/ subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 January 1996 and the mandate periods to be decided upon by the Council;

9. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the estimated income of 4,800 dollars other than staff assessment income for the period from 1 February to 30 April 1996, inclusive;

10. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 850,800 dollars for the period from 1 February to 30 April 1996, inclusive;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

12. Decides to keep the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon" under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East" under review during its fiftieth session.

3/ See resolution 49/19 B.

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PATTERN OF CONFERENCES

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman
following informal consultations

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences, 1/

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, 46/190 of 20 December 1991, 47/202 of 22 December 1992, 48/222 of 23 December 1993 and 49/221 of 23 December 1994,

Noting with concern the difficulties confronted by some Member States owing to the lack of conference services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the work of the Committee on Conferences;

2. Approves the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 1996-1997 as submitted and amended by the Committee on Conferences; 2/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 32 and addenda (A/50/32 and Add.1 and 2).

2/ Ibid., annex II.

3. Authorizes the Committee on Conferences to make adjustments in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996 that may become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

4. Notes that no sessions are scheduled to open or close on 20 February and 29 April 1996, invites United Nations bodies to avoid holding meetings on 20 February and 29 April 1996, and requests the Secretariat to make similar arrangements when drafting the revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997;

5. Invites the Economic and Social Council to continue to consider, as appropriate, the biennialization of meetings of its subsidiary bodies;

6. Invites all bodies to exercise restraint in requesting open-ended ad hoc meetings in view of the possible adverse effect of such meetings on the efficient utilization of conference-servicing resources;

7. Expresses concern that the overall utilization factor for conference services fell below the established benchmark figure of 80 per cent in 1994;

8. Endorses the initiatives taken by the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences with a view to assisting bodies to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources and, to that effect, to assess realistically their need for such resources;

9. Requests the Secretariat to take the measures recommended by the Committee on Conferences to enhance utilization of conference-servicing resources and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session through the Committee on Conferences;

10. Expresses concern about the underutilization of conference facilities at duty stations outside Headquarters, and emphasizes the need to make the most effective use possible of such facilities;

11. Requests the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to hold consultations with various bodies and committees to ensure rational allocation and capacity utilization of all United Nations conference facilities at headquarters, United Nations centres and other duty stations with a view to addressing the present imbalance in order to enhance the capacity utilization and cost-effectiveness of these facilities and to report to the Committee on the outcome of these consultations at its substantive session of 1996;

12. Decides that the headquarters rule shall be adhered to by all bodies, particularly those whose headquarters are underutilized;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, within the resources approved for conference services in the biennium 1996-1997, interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States upon request by those groupings, taking into account the priority due to meetings included in the calendar of conferences and meetings, and to submit a report on

the implementation of this decision to the Assembly at its fifty-first session through the Committee on Conferences.

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the control and limitation of documentation, including resolutions 33/56 of 14 December 1978, 36/117 B of 10 December 1981, 37/14 C of 16 November 1982, 45/238 B of 21 December 1990, 47/202 B of 22 December 1992, 48/222 B of 23 December 1993 and 49/221 B of 23 December 1994,

Encouraging all bodies entitled to written meeting records to keep under review their need for such records,

1. Decides, pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 49/221 B, that the current entitlement to meeting records of the following bodies shall be continued:

(a) United Nations Administrative Tribunal (when holding oral hearings);

(b) First Committee;

(c) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (when holding meetings in observance of international days of solidarity proclaimed by the General Assembly);

(d) Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

2. Approves the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to replace its verbatim records by summary records; 3/

3. Takes note of the intention of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to replace its verbatim records by unedited transcripts, 4/ and requests the Committee to keep the General Assembly informed, through the Committee on Conferences, of the experience of that body regarding unedited transcripts;

4. Takes note of the decision of the Committee on Conferences contained in paragraph 75 of its report, 1/ and requests the Committee to report on the implementation of that decision to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/50/23), Part I, paras. 56 and 57.

4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 20 (A/50/20), para. 180.

C

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the statement made by the representative of the Secretary-General to the Fifth Committee in October 1995 on, inter alia, the costs of documentation, 5/

Recognizing the right of Member States, through intergovernmental bodies, to request reports,

Recognizing that Member States can contribute directly to the reduction of documentation, which contributes to savings, through restraint in making such requests,

Recognizing also that the reduction in the demand for and volume of documentation could improve the quality and timeliness of reports,

Noting that Economic and Social Council decision 1995/222 of 5 May 1995, entitled "Documentation", requires Secretariat accountability regarding seriously tardy reports,

Noting also that some actions taken by the Committee on Conferences and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space can result in lower documentation costs, while also noting that the political and financial impact of such actions has to be assessed by the General Assembly,

Recognizing the right of Member States to request circulation of communications as official documents,

1. Takes note with concern that the existing limits of 32 pages and 24 pages for documents prepared for intergovernmental meetings, confirmed by resolution 36/117 A of 10 December 1981 and endorsed by resolution 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, respectively, are not routinely enforced;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to enforce, where appropriate, the existing page limits referred to in the foregoing paragraph in respect of all documents originating in the Secretariat, to review these limits, where appropriate, with a view to achieving an overall reduction of documentation without affecting its quality and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-first session through the Committee on Conferences;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to include only where necessary brief descriptions of the history of the subjects contained in the reports together with a reference to relevant documents, bearing in mind the need to restrict the number of pages to the limits referred to in paragraph 1 of the present resolution;

5/ See A/C.5/50/SR.4.

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation is available in accordance with the six-week rule for the distribution of documents, simultaneously in each of the six official languages of the United Nations;

5. Decides that, should a report be issued late, the reasons for the delay should be indicated when the report is introduced;

6. Requests members of all bodies to exercise restraint in making proposals containing requests for new reports;

7. Invites all bodies to consider the possibility of biennializing or triennializing the presentation of reports, to review the necessity of all recurrent documents with a view to streamlining documentation and contributing to savings and to make appropriate recommendations;

8. Encourages members of intergovernmental bodies:

(a) To consider the possibility of requesting oral reports, without prejudice to the provision of information to delegations in all the official languages;

(b) To request consolidated reports on related topics under a single item or sub-item where appropriate and cost-effective;

9. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To provide an oral estimate of the cost of documents or reports requested by Member States, without prejudice to the right of intergovernmental bodies to request such documents or reports;

(b) To seek a more reader-friendly and uniform format of reports, taking into account new publishing technologies, that would include sections containing the objective of the report, an executive summary, the conclusions drawn and, as appropriate, the action proposed to be taken by the body, and to submit proposals thereon to the General Assembly through the Committee on Conferences;

10. Endorses the recommendation made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that the Joint Inspection Unit be requested to conduct a comprehensive survey of the role publications play in implementing mandates of intergovernmental bodies and the extent to which recurrent publications could be made more cost-effective in this regard; 6/

11. Requests the Secretary-General to present to the Assembly at its fifty-first session, through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a report on the implementation of these measures, including information on possible savings.

6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/50/7), para. 83.

D

The General Assembly,

Stressing the need to provide Member States and United Nations bodies, upon request, with more comprehensive and accurate information on the costs of meetings and documentation,

Noting that the introduction of new technologies enhances the quality, cost-effectiveness and efficiency of conference services,

Stressing the importance of access to and benefit from the optical disk system and other new technologies in all official languages by all Member States and the need to overcome the difficulties faced by some Member States in acquiring the technology to access the optical disk system,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to develop as soon as possible a comprehensive and accurate cost-accounting system for conference services, to report on the progress of its implementation to the General Assembly through the Committee on Conferences and to report the results of its use to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in accordance with their respective mandates;

2. Further encourages the Secretariat to continue its efforts to improve the cost-effectiveness of document production, without prejudice to the international character of the Organization;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to present proposals to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session through the Committee on Conferences on facilitating access by developing countries to the optical disk system in all official languages, taking into account the possible savings from reduced copying and distribution costs;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in pursuing the foregoing efforts, to ensure that new technologies in the area of conference services are introduced in all official languages as soon as possible in a comprehensive manner without adverse effects on the provision of services, in full consultation with Member States and, as appropriate, in coordination with relevant intergovernmental bodies.

E

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on the use of languages in the United Nations, including resolutions 2 (I) of 1 February 1946, 2247 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, 3189 (XXVIII), 3190 (XXVIII) and 3191 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 36/117 B of 10 December 1981 and 47/202 D of 22 December 1992, 49/221 B of 23 December 1994 and 50/11 of 2 November 1995,

Recalling also its request to the Secretariat, contained in resolution 49/221 C, to continue exploring ways and means of providing conference services in a manner that fully responds to the needs of intergovernmental and expert bodies, while ensuring the criteria of quality and timeliness and due respect to the principle of equal treatment of the official languages of the United Nations as laid down in General Assembly resolution 42/207 C of 11 December 1987,

1. Emphasizes the need for strict compliance with the resolutions and rules establishing language arrangements for the different bodies and organs of the United Nations;

2. Stresses the need to continue to ensure the availability of the necessary resources to guarantee the timely translation of documents into the different official and working languages of the Organization and their simultaneous distribution in those languages;

3. Appreciates the fact that, through advanced technology, as well as improved management and increased productivity, the Secretariat has largely been enabled to cope with the growth in demand for translation and documentation services;

4. Notes the actions taken to improve the quality of translation into all official languages, in particular the efforts of the Arabic Translation Service to implement the proposal contained in annex II to the report of the Committee on Conferences to the forty-ninth session of the Assembly 7/ requests the Secretary-General to undertake a thorough review of the terminology and technical methods used in translation into Arabic, and urges the Secretariat to speed up its efforts towards the implementation of phase II of that proposal and to report thereon to the Committee on Conferences at its substantive session of 1996.

F

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 49/221 D of 23 December 1994,

Noting with satisfaction the significant improvements in the meeting arrangements and facilities within the United Nations premises for the holding of bilateral meetings and contacts among Member States during the fiftieth session of the General Assembly and during the special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General and the Secretariat for their prompt and effective actions to implement resolution 49/221 D;

7/ Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/49/32/Rev.1).

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide these improved meeting arrangements and facilities for subsequent sessions of the General Assembly;

3. Decides that such improved meeting arrangements and facilities shall be made available within existing resources.

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Support account for peace-keeping operations

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly, on the basis of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General following completion of his comprehensive review exercise:

(a) Decides to review at its resumed session, no later than March 1996, the current methodology for financing the support account, in the light of the changing requirements for and nature of backstopping of peace-keeping operations at Headquarters and taking into account the report to be submitted by the Board of Auditors, and notes the statement made by the Controller to the Fifth Committee on 28 November 1995 on review of the financing formula;

(b) Decides also, on an exceptional basis, pending consideration of the report of the Secretary-General:

(i) To establish as a temporary post the position of Special Adviser to the Secretary-General;

(ii) To extend the 61 temporary posts authorized in paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 49/250 of 20 July 1995 for the period from 1 February to 31 March 1996;

(iii) To authorize the amounts of $40,000 for overtime and $900,000 for common services for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996.

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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, for the apportionment of peace-keeping appropriations, that Palau shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to the financing of peace-keeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments.

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Amendments to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations to change the budget cycle of peace-keeping operations

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the amendments to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations to change the budget cycle of peace-keeping operations, 1/ decides to amend Financial Regulations 2.1 and 11.4 to read as follows:

"Regulation 2.1: The financial period shall consist of two consecutive calendar years, the first of which shall be an even year, except for peace-keeping operations with special accounts, whose financial periods shall be one year from 1 July to 30 June."

"Regulation 11.4: The accounts for the financial period, except those for peace-keeping operations with special accounts, shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Board of Auditors not later than 31 March following the end of the financial period. The annual accounts for peace-keeping operations with special accounts shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Board of Auditors not later than 30 September each year."

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FINANCING OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE PROSECUTION OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMMITTED IN THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA SINCE 1991

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for Yugoslavia 1/ and the related oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for Yugoslavia an amount of 8,619,500 United States dollars gross (7,637,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996 to allow the Tribunal to continue its activities through 31 March 1996, without prejudice to recommendations the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions may make to the Assembly at its resumed fiftieth session;

2. Decides also, as an ad hoc and exceptional arrangement, that Member States will waive their respective shares in the remaining credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Protection Force in the total amount of 4,309,750 dollars gross (3,818,750 dollars net) and hence accept an equivalent increase in the assessments for a future budget period of the Force in the same amount, to be transferred to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for Yugoslavia from the Special Account for the United Nations Protection Force established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992;

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3. Decides further to apportion the amount of 4,309,750 dollars gross (3,818,750 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996 among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1996;

4. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 982,000 dollars for the International Tribunal for Yugoslavia for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996.